



San Diego Fire-Rescue Department Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) San Diego

CERT San Diego: Firefighters and Citizens Working Together to Build Safer Communities.

Fast-tracked CERT Academies Spring 2006:

10th CERT San Diego Academy 2006 – Held at Westfield UTC in the community room

Wed. April 12 6-10pm
Thurs April 13 6-10pm
Tues April 18 6-10pm
FINAL DRILL Sat. May 6 8:30am-1pm

11th CERT San Diego Academy 2006 – Held near San Diego airport

Sat. April 29 8:30am-12:30pm
Mon. May 1 6-10pm
Wed. May 3 6-10pm
FINAL DRILL Sat. May 6 8:30am-1pm

Pre-requisite: Graduation from the FEMA on line CERT class*

Class materials fee -\$55 disaster kit* (backpack, goggles, CERT helmet, CERT vest, work and exam gloves, flashlight, and dust mask) – available at class

CERT San Diego is a disaster preparedness program taught to citizens by San Diego Fire-Rescue personnel. Citizens learn how to make their homes and neighborhoods safer, build disaster preparedness kits, perform medical triage and treatment, how to build teams, use fire extinguishers and work with authorities during disasters. ***CERT San Diego*** is building CERT volunteer teams in communities throughout San Diego and graduates wear green CERT vests and helmets and carry ID cards identifying them to authorities. CERT teams bring people and community groups together for a common cause.

CERT San Diego (Community Emergency Response Team) is now offering exciting new fast-tracked academies on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, you must graduate from the www.FEMA.gov online CERT course, and then attend our academy for 16 hours of hands-on skills review. **Classes are tuition free** to City of San Diego residents and employees! For more information and registration, please visit our website: www.CERTsandiego.org. Your FEMA completion certificate from the web-based independent study class "Introduction to CERT" is a pre-requisite for this class. Students must purchase disaster kit class materials (\$55 retail). You must register separately for the web-based independent CERT study class at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is317.asp>.



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DETAILS ABOUT FAST-TRACKED CERT SAN DIEGO ACADEMIES:

***STUDENT MATERIALS REQUIRED: \$55 CERT DISASTER KIT**

***Your FEMA completion certificate from the web-based independent study class "Introduction to CERT" will be necessary to complete your registration.** You must register separately for the web-based independent CERT study class at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is317.asp>

These two-day academies are offered on a first come - first served basis to residents and employees in the City of San Diego. The first 50 candidates to fulfill all registration requirements (web-based independent study class and CERT San Diego registration process) will be accepted.

First – City of San Diego residents and employees may pre-enroll for the CERT San Diego class by filling out the application at www.CERTsandiego.org and forward to our offices. Please indicate "two day CERT class" and your preferred dates. Forward via email to cert@sandiego.gov or fax to **(619) 544-9351**. Your registration request will remain open pending successful completion of your FEMA online class "Introduction to CERT".

Second – Only applicants that successfully graduate the FEMA web-based class "Introduction to CERT" may take the CERT San Diego academies. You must register separately for the web-based independent study class at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is317.asp>. Please follow the instructions on this website to register for this class. You should expect to complete this class in approximately eight hours at your leisure.

Third - Once you graduate from the FEMA web-based "Introduction to CERT" class, you will receive an e-mail graduation confirmation from FEMA. This can take up to two weeks to receive. Please forward this e-mail or a scanned copy of your FEMA graduation certificate to: cert@sandiego.gov, or mail to: **CERT San Diego 1010 Second Ave #400 San Diego, CA 92101** or fax to **(619) 544-9351** as verification. It must be received no later than two weeks before the scheduled class. If the class is full, we will book you into our next available academy.

Fourth – After your e-mail graduation notice from FEMA is matched to your CERT pre-enrollment registration request; a class confirmation will be sent to you by CERT San Diego.

Fifth- You must attend 16 hours of CERT San Diego classes and drills to graduate. You will receive a "Disaster Service Worker" ID card from San Diego Fire-Rescue department.

NOTE: There is a risk if you do not complete all registration requirements early, that the class may be filled.